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Joseph "A"
Murdock
&
Martha Ellen
Fortie
Murdock

1st Child	Lelia MURDOCH
Birth	10 September 1892
Place	Heber, Wasatch, Utah
Married to	Unmarried
Married	
Place	
died	21 Nov 1918 Heber, Utah

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1917 Influenza Epidemic of 1918 in Wasatch County

Those who helped the victims

Miss Alice Wood

✓ Lula Clegg

Ray Duke - not in Duke file 1-10-28

✓ Edward Parley Cliff

✓ Lelia Murdock

✓ Geneva Rachel Bergener Cliff

LULA CLEGG



Lula Clegg, daughter of Fred L. and Emma Caroline Clegg, was born in Heber City, October 16, 1892.



Edward Parley Cliff Sr., was born August 29, 1884, in Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete County, Utah. He is the son of Edward Cliff and Harriet Moore. He was reared and educated in Mt. Pleasant, leaving there at the age of 18 to earn a living in the mining camps of Bingham Canyon. From there he went to Salt Lake City where he learned

his electrical trade through apprenticeships and by correspondence courses.

Mr. Cliff's closest childhood friend, Charles DeGraff, knew of his success in the electrical business and recommended to his father-in-law, Mr. James W. Clyde, then mayor of Heber City, that Parley Cliff be appointed to assist in the installation of the power plant and lights. Mr. Cliff accepted the position and assisted in the building of the power plant under the direction of their engineer. He was later appointed as the first manager and superintendent of the plant.

Mrs. Cliff, in recalling their arrival to Heber City, says, "Never will I forget the day I came to Heber City May 10, 1909. Parley arrived on April 26, 1909. When we left Salt Lake the trees were green and the grass was growing and gardens were planted. When I arrived in Heber City, Archie Buys was driving the hack, and the mud from the depot to Main Street was up the horses' bellies. Snow was still on the ground and not a leaf was on the trees. There were no lights nor a high school. The Third Ward was holding their meetings in the Central School Building."

It was while in Salt Lake City that Mr. Cliff met and married Geneva Rachel Bergener on June 6, 1907. His young wife encouraged him in his efforts to learn the electrical trade and was anxious for him to do all he could to achieve success. She was always supporting him in his work.

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Shortly after coming to Heber City, Mr. Cliff was instrumental in having the Scout movement started, and was the first scoutmaster of Troop No. 1 in the Heber Third

Ward, a position he held three years. While he was scoutmaster, he was in charge of the first Scout hike to Timpanogos on July 27th to 31st, 1915. In 1916 he was instrumental in having the whole stake participate in the outing to Mt. Timpanogos, at which time Oscar Kirkham, Dr. Taylor, Professors Bux and Smart were guests of honor. He was also instrumental in fostering the first Fathers' and Sons' outing, which was held at the lakes at the head of the Provo River. He was instrumental in having the Boosters' Club organized, and was its secretary until the time of his death. He, with the assistance of Charles DeGraff and Mr. Andrew Neff revived dramatics in Heber.

In November 1910, he was made a Seventy by Joseph W. McMurrin, and was one of the seven presidents of the Twentieth Quorum of Seventies for many years. On June 12, 1910, he was made superintendent of the Third Ward Sunday School and had as his counselors, Charles DeGraff and Cardwell Clegg. Those two were also active with him in the Scout movement in the city. In January, 1917, he was made second counselor to Bishop Frederick Crook, and in March, 1918, he was made stake superintendent of the Sunday School and chose for his assistants, John A. Fortie and Stephen Simmons, who continued in this position until the time of his death. He was on the ward music committee, and he worked with the Deacons for many years. In all these positions he gave his best work.

In the year 1921, under the leadership of Professor Ketchum of the University of Utah, he supervised installation of the new waterworks system, taking out all the old wooden water mains and replacing them with new iron pipes. He worked diligently in this work.

While working on the water works system in March 1921, he contracted a severe cold, but felt that he could not give up, as the work had to go on and he felt that he had to be on the job. His condition continued to grow worse, and because of weakness and complications he began to hemorrhage at the nose. He was later hospitalized in Salt Lake City. They immediately ordered him to have blood transfusions. Mrs. Cliff says, "By the time I got there (Salt Lake) the next morning 10 men from Heber were there to have their blood tested, five of whom matched and they used a pint of blood twice from Lindsay Crook and once

from Bill Horner. Everyone was so good to him during his illness that he felt that he would have lived to repay the people for all they had done for him. In spite of ill health and a long period of confinement he continued to do his work as best he could until the time of his death. He died May 18, 1922. He left a young widow and seven small children: Dorothy, Edward, Orson, Wilson, Gladys, Nellie, and Geneva. Mrs. Cliff always felt so thankful for the goodness of the people of Heber City. She says of this time: At the time of his death Dorothy was then 14 and my baby was one year old, but thanks to all the good people of the ward and the community, we have never wanted for the necessities of life, and we have been greatly blessed to be placed among such a good people."

Mr. Cliff was always a devout Church and civic worker all through his childhood to the time of his death.

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She reared the following seven children to maturity, having lost one daughter at birth: Dorothy Ann (Mrs. George P. Clay), Edward Parley Cliff Jr., Orson Clyde, Woodrow Wilson, Gladys Ruth (Mr. Rosslyn Eppich), Nellie Dawn (Mrs. Douglas Pearce), Geneva Naomi (Mrs. Albert W. Mitchell).



E. Parley Cliff

Her schooling was very limited due to the old world customs of having children earn their own board as soon as they could do odd jobs, but encouraged to read and study. Schooling consisted of the grade schools when not employed. Attended night classes at the Brigham Young College in Logan, Utah, for two winters, while still employed in her teens. She took a fundamental course of two months at the Wasatch High School, in typing and bookkeeping. In the early 1940's she took at various times short courses at a business school at the Utah State University, courses at a business school in comptometer, bookkeeping and other business courses.

Mrs. Cliff served as treasurer of Wasatch County from Jan. 1, 1923 to December 31, 1934.

She was a member of the Association of County Officers. She was instrumental in bringing about money saving reforms in the office of county treasurer, one being that county funds draw interest. For outstanding work she was listed in the National "Who's Who in Government" (about 1930). Publicity chairman of the Heber City Business and Professional Woman's Club, 1926; secretary and treasurer of the Parent Teacher Assn, 1927-28. She was the only woman to be admitted to membership in the Chamber of Commerce. She was a promoter and first president of the Heber City Garden Club and later the county organization. In this capacity she encouraged beautification of most homes in the city; promoted home and school playground equipment; and was responsible for the fence and beautification of the Central School grounds. Many a home was brightened daily by flowers from her own beautiful garden.

Church activities were mostly with the young people. She taught the Bee Hive Girls about 1918-1919 and in the 1920s after 1922 in the Heber Third Ward. She taught an adult Mutual class in the 1930s and wrote plays and skits, to enhance the lessons (the basis of one on Brigham Young was adopted by the General MIA Board). She headed the Trailbuilder work in the Wasatch Stake (boys 9 to 12 years) from about 1923 to 1935, also in the ward at various times. This Trailbuilder program was new at the time that she worked in the Primary organization so she pioneered this work in Wasatch County. Along with the

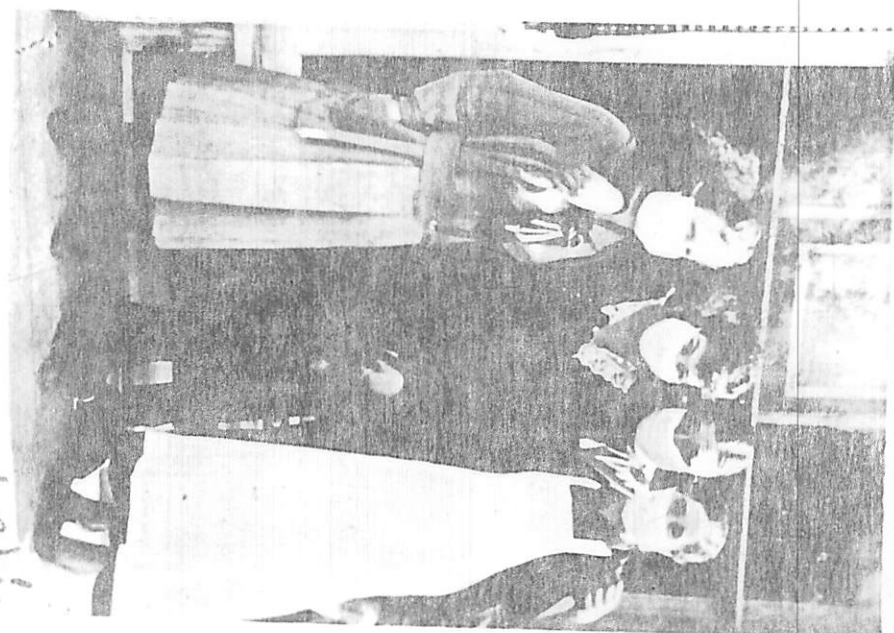
trailbuilder work she promoted a marble tournament where they could not play for keeps but rather for the sport of playing. It was later adopted Churchwide as part of the trailbuilder program. She did much with treasure hunts for the boys and organized harmonica bands. They also held "pet and hobby" shows.

Mrs. Cliff did much nursing during the flu epidemic of 1917-1918 and contracted it herself and nearly died. She took boxes of candy to boys leaving for World War I and goodies to those working late at the High School at nights and to many others who she felt would appreciate it. She will always be remembered for her talent in baking and cooking. Many hundreds of pounds of sugar has been made into candy for ward bazaars under her guidance and skill. She taught young people to make candy, how to embroider, crochet, and tat. She taught handicraft classes during the late 1930s. She was very active in Scouting, having a troop meet in her home regularly.

Her years between 1935 and 1947 were spent with her daughters at school in Logan, Hyrum, Salt Lake and Ogden, working at Hill Field. Active in the 17th Ward in Salt Lake City. She was called to a mission to the Western Canadian Mission from the Hyrum Stake, Cache County. She was in the missionfield at the time of her death in Alberta, Canada, May 3, 1947. She was buried in Heber City cemetery May 8, 1947.

Mrs. Cliff's highest wage was \$110 for two months as county Treasurer, then \$90 for the rest of the time, only odd earnings until she was employed at Hill Field, yet she cleared \$5,000. of debts; sent all but one of her children through college, Wilson on a mission, Geneva through nursing school and had money for her own mission and left a fair estate.

Mrs. Cliff will long be remembered by young and old alike for her love for the beautiful which was exemplified through her beautiful well-kept yard. She was a dynamic personality, with much courage, and personal fortitude. She loved Wasatch county and its people. She loved to visit the different towns of the county during campaigns and in her Primary work. She had numerous friends. She wrote for the Salt Lake papers for several years and composed several stories on Wasatch County.



The epidemic?

- L to R
1. Lavera Smith Smith
 2. Fern Mithie
 3. Martello Oleg
 4. Selia Oleg Bond